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SENATOR BARNETT: OK. May I continue Mr. President? Senator Burbach, would you yield to a question? I would like to ask -- and I think we talked about this a year or two ago, I think Senator Syas was the one that brought it up -- if you'll look at the committee report on this bill, the committee report says there were a number of representatives of various associations for the blind and handicapped. That don't tell us a thing. I think that now we're starting this is the first or second bill, and I think every committee chairman in here should take the responsibility to tell this body who the person is that appears and who they represent, instead of saying a number of representatives, because this could be two or 50. I wish, I think you can handle procedure and I wish you'd comment on it.

SENATOR BURBACH: Senator Barnett, I couldn't agree with you more. At the moment I have not visited with the committee chairman. I will, hopefully next week, bring to this body some of the rules, some of the procedural changes which, I hope to be able to institute as your Speaker. I think that we must progress rapidly, but I think that we must progress also with a certain amount of cooperative ideas so that we can move along with the cooperation of the entire body. I think this is one of the things, after I've laid the issue out to you as a collective body here, then I will visit -- I will incorporate that into my program or plan. Then I will visit with the chairman of the committees and I would like to extend this further than just mentioning by name or title the organizations that the individuals represent. I would like to have the committees write a little longer dissertation of the bill than many times we've had in the past. Not necessarily this bill, I did not read the statement on this particular bill. But, I believe that now we have a staff that we can write a longer statement and a more clear and concise statement of what the bill tends to incorporate to do, what changes it would bring about. Then we will be in a position to probably cut down a considerable amount of debate if we can read in laymens language exactly what that bill will do. So I support your suggestion and I would pursue it.

SENATOR BARNETT: Thank you. Mr. President, could I . . .

PRESIDENT: Senator Kennedy for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR KENNEDY: I would like to at least make a statement at least briefly is possible.

PRESIDENT: Well we have LB 88 in front of us.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Yes. I would like to, as chairman and the person responsible for writing the statement -- I again would say that I would appreciate it if we have a positive way of approaching that problem. If we have, and in our particular case, we have discussed this before and tried to find out, do we need all of the names of the people that support it or opposed it. Do we want that detail and some of the Senators have said no we don't want it. So, I would appreciate a rule on that and we do have that information and we did talk about. I certainly would like say amen to that, if we want a total. In some cases it will be quite lengthy.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas, you arise to speak on LB 88?